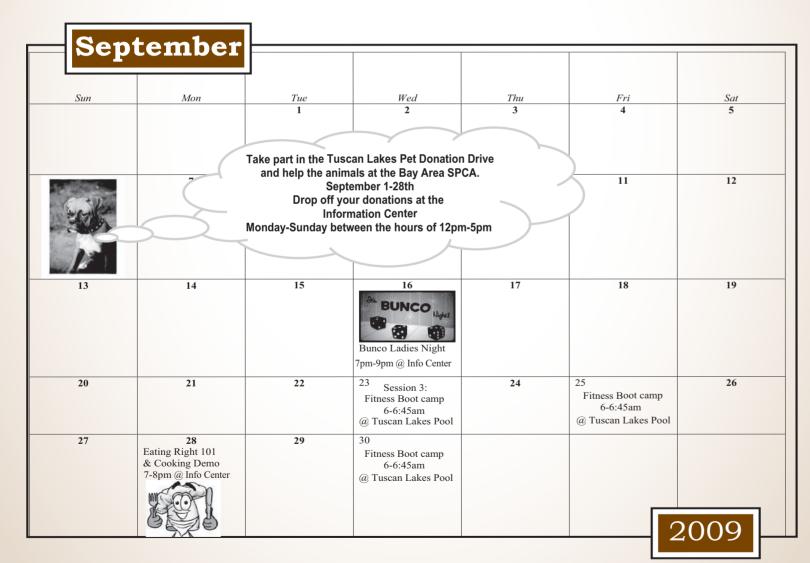
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HELPING PAWS DONATION DRIVE

Take part in the Tuscan Lakes Pet Donation Drive and help the animals at

our local Bay Area SPCA.



From September 1st through 28th, drop off your donations at the Tuscan Lakes Information Center every Monday through Sunday between 12pm and 5pm. And, if you're looking for a great addition to your family, visit www.bayareapetadoptions.org for a list of adoptable pets.

NEEDED SUPPLIES & WISH LIST

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Cat Litter – Non-Clumping Clay Based
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Stainless Steel Food Bowls – All Sizes for Dogs & Cats

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Laundry Detergent Laundry Baskets Dawn or Ajax Dish Soap Anti-bacterial Hand Soap Hand Sanitizer Trash Bags – 44, 30, & 13-gallon Trash Cans – Small Paper Towels (1-Ply) Toilet Paper (1-Ply) Towels – All Sizes

Eating Right 101

Wouldn't it be great if you could just snap your fingers and know that you would never gain weight as you grow older? Unfortunately, it's not going to happen. If you want to lose weight, you need to "eat right and maintain an active lifestyle." Jerrod Lee, Certified Nutrition Counselor with Risher Fitness Management, can help get you on the right track. Enjoy samples from a healthy cooked meal while learning how to prepare a meal your entire family will enjoy.

Sign up for this FREE session today. Space is limited!
Residents must RSVP no later than Sept 25th.

Monday, September 28th • 7-8 pm

Sign up at the Information Center or email Robin at lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com

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BACK TO BASICS WITH FITNESS BOOT **CAMP**

Think Fitness Boot Camp at Tuscan Lakes is just for the ladies? Think again. Meet Jake Marisco, a two-year resident of Tuscan Lakes. Jake signed up for the second session of Fitness Boot Camp with Tuscan Lakes Lifestyle Director Robin Mitchell and after only two weeks, saw results.



"My wife and I could absolutely tell a difference in my energy level after the first two weeks," said Jake who enrolled in Fitness Boot Camp to help get his energy back. "We are expecting a new baby, and I needed something to help get my energy back."

Jake says that what he enjoys most about the Boot Camp is the variety. "We never know what Robin has planned for us so each class is different." Though the mountain climber is his least favorite activity, "There's nothing really that I dislike about it. The mountain climber is just tough for me but I enjoy it all."

Jake has so enjoyed his experience at Fitness Boot Camp that he plans on signing up again, and is working on new recruits. "I'm trying to recruit my friends to sign up for the next session," said Jake.

To join Jake at Boot Camp or for more information about the fitness program at Tuscan Lakes, contact Robin Mitchell at lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com or 281 332 5450 ext 111

This six weeks class will combine cardio intervals with strength training to give you a complete 45 minutes of "Oomph!" This class will get your heart pumping and your muscles flexing in a small group setting:

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• Improve cardiovascular endurance • Build Confidence

Sept 23-Oct 30 • Wednesday & Friday 6:00am-6:45am

Meet at the Tuscan Lakes Pool Cost: \$85 per six weeks (2 days a week) Drop in fee: \$10/per class*



*Join any time, pro-rated fees are available for fitness classes Email Robin Mitchell, lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com to sign up or with any questions.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH **WAS A SUCCESS!**

Before heading back to school, Tuscan Lakes Residents enjoyed one more summer adventure at Cypress Point Pool. Families brought their coolers, lawn chair and floating devices and were able to enjoy their last days of summer while floating around in the pool in front of the big screen while watching "Bedtime Stories". Thank you to all the residents that came out to our Dive In Movie!







Partnering with Bailey's American Grille, AMOCO Federal Credit Union will be onsite at the South West International Boat Show September 24 – 27 at South

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FITNESS AND FUN AT TUSCAN LAKES

HALLOWEEN TRAIL OF TREATS

Fall is right around the corner and that means it's time for Tuscan Lakes Halloween Trail of Treats! Do you enjoy passing out candy and decorating for Halloween? Be a BOO Sponsor for the Trail of Treats by passing out candy from 6 to 8pm on Halloween, Saturday, October 31st. Win prizes in the decorating contests for the most festive table, the scariest table, and most creative. Don't miss out on Trail of Treats along the Tuscan Lakes lake – it's sure to be a scream!

Sign up at the Information Center or e-mail Robin Mitchell at lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com

Bunco Bash

Ladies, join in the fun with your neighbors for Tuscan Lakes Bunco Bash. Whether you're an old hand at the game or need a course in Bunco Basics, join us for a night of fun and friendship.

No experience necessary!

Wednesday, September 16th from 7pm to 9pm

Tuscan Lakes Information Center

Please RSVP to Robin Mitchell at (281)332-5450 Ext. 111 or

by e-mail: lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com

National Night Out

Lock your doors, turn on your outside lights and spend an evening getting to know your neighbors! Make plans now to join your neighbors for the 2009 National Night Out, Tuesday, October 6th from 6:30-8:00 pm!

Get a Kick out of Karate

The League City Parks and Recreation Department is offering an American Karate Program ranging from Beginner to Black Belt. The program will teach techniques in the art including sport, self-defense and self-confidence aspects of American Karate.

Place: Gilmore Elementary School Gym 3552 Brittany Bay Blvd. Times: Mondays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Levels: Beginner & Advanced Boys & Girls Ages 5-12

Session: September 14th - November 23rd

(11 week session)

Fees: \$40 for entire session, \$30 for a uniform (Sorry no checks accepted for uniforms)

Call-In Registration: (281) 554-1188.

Registration open until the 3rd class at League City

Parks & Cultural Services.

First class is a FREE to interested students.

TUSCAN LAKES SOCIAL COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!

The Tuscan Lakes Social Committee wants you! Please join us for our next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th from 6:30 to 7:00 pm at the Information Center. The Social Committee's goal is to provide activities and events where Tuscan Lakes neighbors can meet, socialize, have fun and relax. Upcoming Social Committee events include National Night Out, Halloween Trail of Treats and Bunco Bash.

If you would like to join the Social Committee or assist with any events, please contact Robin Mitchell at (281)332-5450 Ext. 111 or by e-mail: lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR WORLD WAR II VETERAN, FBI AGENT AND AUTHOR JAMES SIMPSON



Ever meet someone who has flown a bombing mission over Nazi Germany? What about an FBI agent or a published author? If you've met Tuscan Lakes' resident James Simpson, you have met them all.

James and his wife, Connie, moved to Tuscan Lakes in 2006 from

Dickinson. The couple was attracted to the tranquil lifestyle of the new neighborhood. "After I retired from practicing law, we sold our home in Galveston County. I realized that I had no place to lay my head, and my wife found a home in Tuscan Lakes that she wanted," said James. "We've enjoyed living in Tuscan Lakes. It's a nice area."



James, 87 years young, is a member of what is referred to as the "greatest generation."

A World War II veteran, James was moved to enlist in the Army Air Corps after Pearl Harbor. He served from

1942 to 1945 in the 104th Infantry Division. James flew 59 bombing missions over Nazi Germany aboard a Martin B-26B Marauder Flak Bait as both a bombardier and navigator. The front fuselage of the actual plane that James flew eight missions aboard is housed in the National Air and Space Museum World War II Aviation exhibition at the Smithsonian. A rather famous aircraft, the B-26 also flew from bases in England and, after D-Day, on which the plane flew two missions, from bases in France and Belgium.

"I regret that I didn't get to fly on D-Day and see in the invasion," recalled James, but he actually served ten days on the ground on the front lines which is unusual for an Air Force man.

After the war, James attended the University of Texas on the GI Bill, and he graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1950. Shortly thereafter, he joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation for two years and was assigned to the Minneapolis and Chicago offices where his work involved "keeping tabs on people who advocated a violent overthrow of the government." He also worked on criminals cases that violated federal law including organized crime. While at the FBI's Minneapolis office, James had a life-altering event: he met Connie who was working in the secretarial pool. They married, and in 1952, moved to Galveston County and raised four children. James practiced civil law in Texas City for nearly sixty years at his firm Simpson and Burwell.

In 2006, James wrote a memoir about his life experiences in World War II and as an FBI agent. The book, entitled Flak Bait was published in 2007. James wrote the book for his grandchildren, and now, great-grandchild. "I knew that unless I wrote something, the grandkids would have a hard time understanding what I was there for," said Simpson of his service during World War II.



Flak Bait also touches on Simpson's experience in law enforcement. "I wanted to explain more completely my devotion to the law - the reasons why I felt it was important that the law be obeyed."



Since retiring from civil law, Simpson leads "a rather quiet life" in Tuscan Lakes that of a retired veteran, FBI agent, author and neighbor. Thank you James and Connie Simpson for choosing Tuscan Lakes. We're glad you're here!

Do you know a resident with an interesting or inspiring story? Do you have a unique hobby or have you recently received special recognition for a career or community service activity? If so, we want to shine the SPOT LIGHT on you! You or your neighbor could be featured in an upcoming issue of the Tuscan Lakes newsletter. Send your ideas to jaimev@johnsondev.com today!

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Compliance Corner

A Friendly Reminder....From Your Homeowner's Association

Pretty Perimeters

When replacing or repairing wooden fencing, please remember that all wooden fences should be stained with the uniform color for the subdivision: Sherwin Williams Deckscapes, #3034/Cedar/Solid.

Exterior Improvements

Planning on painting or sprucing up your home with landscaping? Want to add a play structure for the kids? Remember to contact the Homeowner's Association for approval and a reminder of the policies before beginning your home projects. Home improvement forms and information is available by contacting Christina Gray at christinag@houcomm.com.

Pet Patrol

When walking through our neighborhood, please be kind and pick up after your pets. And remember, League City requires all dogs and cats to be on a leash when not on your property, so please keep your pets safe and leashed while walking through Tuscan Lakes.

Trash Cans

Help us keep our streets safe and clear by storing trash cans after garbage collection out of public view.

Thank you for your efforts in making Tuscan Lakes a great place to live. Let's all work together to protect property values and keep Tuscan Lakes beautiful!

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